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UPCOMINGS!

Fall Festival slated for October 21

The Coke County Youth Ministry is hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 21, from 5 pm until 8 pm at the Robert Lee High School tennis court parking lot. The event will include games, food booths, and prizes.

For more information, contact (325) 453-1137.

Classic Car Show slated for October 21

A Fall Classic Car Show will be held at the Bronte Depot on Saturday, October 21, from 9 am until 1 pm. Prizes will be awarded to the Best of Show, Crowd Favorite, and Participant Favorite. Car Show participants are asked to parade to Bronte Health and Rehab Center at the conclusion of the show.

Kid Fish set for October 21

The 2nd annual Kid Fish event is slated for Saturday, October 21, from 7 am until 12 noon at Lake Knierim (Bronte Lake). Tackle, bait, and lunch will be provided. The free event is open to all kids 17 years of age or younger.

Fall Family Crusade set for October 27 - 29

Victory Assembly of God will host a Fall Family Crusade Friday, October 27 through Sunday, October 29. Services will be held at the City Park Pavilion in Robert Lee at 7 pm each evening.

RLVFD fundraiser to be held October 28

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, October 28, beginning at 12 noon. Plates including brisket/Mikulik sausage, red beans, and potato salad will be sold.

Fall Curbside Clean-up set for October 28

The City of Robert Lee's Fall Curbside Clean-up will be held on Saturday, October 28.

Acceptable items include the following: furniture, appliances, microwaves, dishwashers, metal, scrap iron, mattresses (twin, full, and queen sized only), washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, freezers/refrigerators (compressors must be removed), fence wire (must be rolled up, clean, no posts, weeds, or grass), push mowers/weedeaters (with oil and gas drained), and tree clippings (must be banded up and under four feet in length).

Items that will NOT be accepted include the following: household trash, tires, oil, batteries, chemicals, paints, hazardous materials, solvents, commercial construction material, e-waste (TVs, monitors, printers, computers, laptops, fax machines, etc), and king size mattresses.

For more information, contact City Hall at (325) 453-2831.

End of Year Party slated for December 30

A Eve of New Year's Eve Party will be held on Saturday, December 30, from 8 am until midnight at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Music will be provided by Coke County's own Backroads West and the event is BYOB

(please also bring a snack to share).

Youth Ministry to be held every Wednesday

The Coke County Youth Ministry is holding gatherings each Wednesday evening from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. The event will include great food, amazing testimonies, uplifting praise and worship, transformational bible studies, and fun activities.

For more information, call/text Amber Bosworth at (325) 450-3005 or Inga Elliott at (325) 453-1137.

Important election deadlines

If you want to vote in the November 7, 2023 election you must register by October 10, 2023.

The filing period for public office candidates requesting a place on the 2024 Republican primary ballot opens Saturday, November 11, and closes Monday, December 11 at 6 pm.

County Chair filing begins November 11 and closes Monday, December 11 at 6 pm.

Filing period is currently open for Republican Precinct Chairs in Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4 Coke County and will close on December 11, 2023, at 6 pm.

Those interested in running for one of these positions may contact Coke County Republican Chair Deborah Bailey at 325-277-9128.

CJ Macon Memorial Golf Tournament set for October 14

The CJ Macon Memorial Scholarship will be hosting a golf tournament on Saturday, October 14, at the Bronte Longhorn Golf Club. Tee off is at 8:30 am. The tournament is a two person scramble and lunch is included in your entry fee. Come join in the fun and raise some money for our kids.

For more information, call Kim Macon at (325) 439-1466.



Rise of the Luddites

By James M. Decker

What comes to mind when you hear the word "Luddite"? If you have heard the word, the odds are good that it has a negative connotation. I remember learning in school that the Luddites were a group that resisted the Industrial Revolution and were opposed to technology and progress. Today, "Luddite" is often shorthand for one who resists technology or struggles to adapt to new innovations. "Luddite" is clearly a modern insult. But it shouldn't be.

It has been said that history is written by the victors (this saying is often attributed to Winston Churchill, but the actual origin is uncertain). When the victors prevail in a just or righteous cause, this can be a good thing. But what about when history is less black-and-white, or when the winners were not righteous, but merely more powerful? Should the losers be consigned

to dishonor in history simply for being on the losing side?

The Luddites face just that dilemma. This movement arose from English textile workers in the early 19th century, as the Industrial Revolution rapidly transformed their industry. I have been thinking about this topic for some time, but then I read a first-rate column on the matter from, of all, people, a technology columnist! Brian Merchant of the LA Times summarizes the story of the Luddites:

"The Luddites were not, contrary to popular belief, idiots who broke machines because they didn't understand them. They were cloth workers who once led comfortable lives, working at home or in small shops, on their own terms and schedules, with freedom and dignity.

When entrepreneurs tried to move their jobs into factories by using power looms and wide frames that did similar work faster, more cheaply, and much more shoddily, the Luddites protested. These workers first sought compromise, dialogue, and a democratic way to integrate new tech into their communities—to share in the gains. They were ignored. So they rebelled."

Now reconcile those facts with the history that created an insult out of the word "Luddite." It sounds like Paul Harvey and

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346
 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 5 pm Worship

First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331

firstbronte@gmail.com
 Pastor George Cooper
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:30 am Worship

Wednesday 6 pm - 8 pm
 Children and Youth

Bronte Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte • (325) 650-4836

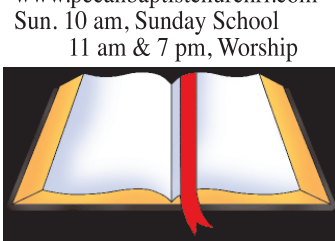
Pastor Keith Fletcher
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am
4C Cowboy Church
 Drawer R • Bronte • (325) 895-4080

Robert Lemmond, Pastor
 Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater
 Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm -
 4C Feedlot Youth Building

Coke County
Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor
 www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Sunday 10 am Sunday School,
 11 am and 5 pm Worship,
 Wed 5 pm Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest
 Pastor Brantly Robertson
 (972) 841-2009

Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm
First Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417

Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship,
Iglesia Bautista Betel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee

Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118
 or (325) 473-1053

Services: Sun. 10 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor
 Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724

Chris Walls, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 Wed. 6:30 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
 (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee
 Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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